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SUBJECT: PUBLICATION OF LONG TERM ENERGY ASSESSMENT
(LTEA).

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1. OCTOBER 14, WE DISCUSSED WITH QUAI ENERGY OFFICER
CLAUDE FOUQUET REF (A) POINTS REGARDING ADVISABILITY OF
DELAY IN LTEA PUBLICATION DATE.

2. GOF, HE SAID AT OUTSET OF CONVERSATION, WOULD
PREFER PUBLICATION OF LTEA AS ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED,
SINCE IT WOULD HELP GALVANIZE PUBLIC OPINION HERE TO
EXIGENCIES OF OIL CONSERVATION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERN-
MENT'S NEW BELT-TIGHTENING ECONOMIC PLAN. ALSO, GIVEN
DEGREE OF INFORMATION ABOUT LTEA WHICH WAS ALREADY
CIRCULATING IN PUBLIC, FOUQUET SAID HE FELT OPEC
TECHNICIANS ALREADY HAD ENOUGH MATERIAL IN HAND TO
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COMPOSE AMPLE PUBLIC "JUSTIFICATIONS" FOR OIL PRICE

HIKES USING SITUATION DESCRIBED IN LTEA AS POINT OF DEPARTURE.

3. HOWEVER, AFTER REFLECTING ON INFORMAL POSITION PAPER (BASED ON REF A) WHICH WE PRESENTED, AND AFTER BEING ADVISED OF OUTCOME OF RAICHT-LANTZKE CONVERSATION REPORTED REF (B), FOUQUET CHANGED TACK AND SAID FRENCH WOULD "PROBABLY GO ALONG" WITH OUR PROPOSAL FOR DELAY IN LTEA PUBLICATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED LOGICAL REASONS FOR DELAY WE WERE PROPOSING, AND WITH DIRECT REFERENCE TO GOF EMBARRASSMENT AT RECENT OECD-PUBLISHED MALCOLM SAWYER STUDY CRITICIZING ALLEGED IMBALANCES IN FRENCH INCOME DISTRIBUTION, HE CONCLUDED THAT GOF MIGHT WISELY HAVE SOUGHT DELAY IN PUBLICATION OF THAT REPORT.
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